

*June 2011 Edition*

### *A Message from the Historic Preservation Officer*



May was a whirlwind of Preservation Month activities and events and we plan to carry that momentum forward throughout the summer months. I want to thank all the participants, partners, sponsors, City officials, and staff that helped to make this year's Preservation Month a major success. I especially wish to thank Mayor Julián Castro and City Manager Sheryl Sculley for helping me kick off Preservation Month at the State of Historic Preservation Month press event and reception at the Spanish Governor's Palace. Mayor Castro and City Manager Sculley both spoke eloquently about the important

role preservation plays in revitalizing our City's central core. It was an honor to have them on hand to present our first official City of San Antonio Historic Structures Plaque to Marty and Ricky Kushner, long-time supporters of preservation in San Antonio and owners of a beautiful historic home in the Tobin Hill Historic District. To see the Mayor's Video Blog recorded at the kick-off event, click [here](#).

Congratulations to winners of our first Amazing Preservation Race for Adults. The first place finishers each received a two-night stay, compliments of the Emily Morgan Hotel. Costume contest winners Team Victory or Death received gift sets courtesy of the Alamo. Tahana Sigg, Alexandra Sigg, and Lilly Campbell were the first to cross the finish line at the Amazing Preservation Race for Kids, winning day passes compliments of SeaWorld and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The many activities and events held during Preservation Month were made possible by the generous assistance of our presenting sponsor Silver Eagle Distributors. I also want to thank our other sponsors including the Emily Morgan Hotel, the Milam Building, Councilman Justin Rodriguez, Councilman Philip A. Cortez, Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros, the Deco District, Guy Chipman Construction, and Phillips Entertainment, Inc., and our partners in preservation including the San Antonio Conservation Society, UTSA College of Architecture, Villa Finale, Downtown Operations, Downtown Alliance, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, The Alamo, San Antonio Architecture Foundation, RVK Architects, Mi Tierra, and Run Wild Sports, for their invaluable support during Preservation Month.

To read more about last month's Preservation Month activities and see photos from all our events visit the Preservation Month page at our website: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/historic/PreservationMonth.aspx>.

Preservation Month may be over, but our office will continue to offer fun and educational events, activities, and programs throughout the summer. Planning is now underway for our **3rd Annual Historic Homeowner Fair** to be held Saturday, August 27, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at historic Jefferson High School in the Monticello Park Historic District. We are very excited by the opportunity to once again bring homeowners and professionals together to discuss the best ways to care for historic homes and enjoy the benefits of living in a historic neighborhood. The fair is free and open to the general public and wouldn't be possible without community participation and support. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, exhibitor, or presenter at this year's fair, contact Anna Glover at 207-7925.

If you are the owner of a historic home, let us know what you would like to see at the fair this year. What information would be most valuable to you? What are the issues you would like to see discussed? Contact us at [OHP@sanantonio.gov](mailto:OHP@sanantonio.gov) or call Amy Unger at 207-1496 with your ideas and suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Sharon*

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## *Historic Homeowner Fair—Saturday, August 27*



Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the 3rd annual Historic Homeowner Fair on Saturday, August 27, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at Jefferson High School in the Monticello Park Historic District. This free event brings homeowners together with preservation experts, City departments, and knowledgeable tradesmen to discuss how to care for and maintain historic homes.

### ***We Need Your Input!***

Planning for this year's program is underway and we want to hear from you. What would you like to see at the Homeowner Fair this year? What topics would you like to have discussed? What types of resources would you find most helpful? Our goal is to provide information and resources that you can use to improve your property and help you enjoy the benefits of living in a historic home or district. Email your ideas to [OHP@sanantonio.gov](mailto:OHP@sanantonio.gov) or call Amy Unger at 210 207-1496.

### ***Become a Historic Homeowner Fair Sponsor***

Help us keep this great educational opportunity for homeowners free for all attendees. **The benefits of sponsorship** include recognition in all promotional material including the *Historic House Handbook* distributed free to all attendees and public acknowledgement of your contribution at the event. The fair will be advertised regionally and represents a great opportunity to reach a highly targeted audience. Your participation in the Historic Homeowner Fair will further preservation education and awareness in San Antonio and help protect the unique character of the city we are all proud to call home. Sponsorship opportunities are available at a variety of levels and means. We welcome in-kind donations such as food and beverages, audio-visual equipment rental, and linen services. **Volunteers are needed to assist in the Exhibitor's Hall and presentation room and to help with children's activities.** Click here to learn more about sponsorship opportunities or contact Anna Glover at 207-7925. To volunteer, contact Elizabeth Porterfield at 207-3327.



### ***Exhibit Your Product or Service at the 2011 Historic Homeowner Fair***

Do you provide a product, information, or service useful to homeowners or residents interested in owning a historic home? Exhibit at this year's Homeowner Fair and reach over 400 potential customers in one day. Booth registration fee is just \$75. Last year's exhibitor's included

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### ***Call for Presentation Proposals***

If you are a qualified professional or educator with experience related to the preservation and enjoyment of historic homes, we invite you to share your experience and knowledge with area homeowners by submitting a presentation proposal for consideration. We encourage proposals on a wide variety of topics including, but not limited to, the care and maintenance of historic homes, preservation advocacy, financing, real estate, architectural and neighborhood history, landscaping, and green living. Presentation proposals must be submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation by July 15. Call Amy Unger at 207-1496 for more information.

## ***Experience R. H. H. Hugman's River Walk in a Whole New Way***



The City unveiled the new R. H. H. Hugman River Walk Tour as part of the 2011 Preservation Month festivities. The interactive tour highlights 12 key features along the River Walk path designed by visionary architect Robert H. H. Hugman. You can discover the history behind one of the country's most unique urban linear parks in a variety of ways:

### **Self Tour**

Experience the R. H. H. Hugman River Walk Tour at your own pace. Choose your destinations from twelve points of

interest highlighted on the Self Tour map. Use your smartphone to access online links that provide a wealth of information about each location, including historic photos.

### **Audio Tour**

Let local historian and River Walk expert Lewis Fisher guide you to the various Hugman features. At each stop along the way, listen as Fisher explains in detail the history and significance of each stop.

### **Walking Tour**

Your smartphone becomes your personal tour guide, providing turn by turn directions to each Hugman feature.

### **Get lost in the history of Hugman's River Walk...enjoy your discovery!**

Click here to visit the [Hugman Tour](#) website. The tour is available from your PC and a podcast of the tour can be downloaded from iTunes.



## ***This Place Matters Community Challenge—Vote for Lerma's***



Participate in the 2011 *This Place Matters* Community Challenge! The National Trust for Historic Preservation is offering this contest to start a national conversation about the places that matter in our communities. Preservation means saving the places that tell the stories of who we are. From over 250 places, the San Antonio Conservation Society's entry for Lerma's Nite Club in San Antonio was chosen to be one of 100 finalists competing for three cash awards. First Place prize is \$25,000. Second and third place finishers in the voting will receive \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively. Now it's your turn to raise awareness of the need to save Lerma's Nite Club and help our community win!

The Conservation Society's entry will be competing against 99 other entries for three cash prizes which will be awarded to the organizations that rally the most supporters. Support will be measured by individual supporters not total votes.

Voting will open June 1 and run through June 30 at 5:00 pm EST. The winner will be announced July 1. Follow the link below to cast your vote for Lerma's Nite Club! Click on "View List of Sites" on the webpage and scroll down to **San Antonio Conservation Society: Lerma's Nite Club**. You will need to register your email (instructions on the web page) to cast your vote.

[Learn about the history of Lerma's Nite Club.](#)

[Cast your vote here.](#) For more information visit our [website](#).



## *Help Shape the Future of Casa Navarro*

Casa Navarro is planning for the future and they need your input. Take five minutes to complete a simple and anonymous online survey and help shape the future of Casa Navarro into an exciting destination in San Antonio. Click [here](#) to take the survey now.

Located in the heart of downtown San Antonio, Casa Navarro State Historic Site celebrates the life of rancher, merchant, and Texas patriot José Antonio Navarro at his original 1850s limestone and adobe home and store. Casa Navarro is currently undergoing major construction and exhibit renovations and is closed to the public. The grand re-opening of the site will be in late fall of 2011. Please forward this on to any family, friends and colleagues who might be interested in Casa Navarro. Join their email list on the last page of the survey, or visit their [website](#) to stay informed on all that's happening at Casa Navarro!



## *“This Place Matters” Photo Contest Winners*

Thank you to everyone who submitted a *This Place Matters* photo in May. We have a tie: Elmendorf Lake Park Stage and Fire Station No. 7 on South Alamo Street. Elmendorf Park recently underwent improvements and rehabilitation of the park's most unique feature, the faux bois Elmendorf Lake Park Stage. Faux bois, French for “false wood,” refers to objects created by sculpting chemically-treated reinforced concrete to imitate the appearance of wood. Thank you to Rachel Delgado for submitting her photo and helping create awareness of this truly unique location.

The Water Street Irregulars (WSI), the San Antonio Fire Museum Society restoration volunteers, meets regularly to work on three antique fire engines at Fire Station No. 7. The station is part of a group of five Mission Revival-style fire stations built in 1925. No. 7 is the largest and finest of the five. Thank you to WSI for highlighting this great reminder of San Antonio's firefighting history.

The Office of Historic Preservation will continue to host our own version of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's *This Place Matters* photo campaign throughout the year. **We encourage you to submit your photos along with a brief description of the location and why it matters to you to [ohp@sanantonio.gov](mailto:ohp@sanantonio.gov).**

**Download a *This Place Matters* sign [here](#).**

**In our newsletter each month, we will feature a new *This Place Matters* photo chosen from your submissions.** We will gather all of the photos submitted throughout the year and announce an annual winner at the Historic Preservation Month Kickoff Event in May 2012.



## ***Historic House Specialist Realtor Training—June 29***

The Office of Historic Preservation will once again be offering a Historic House Specialist Realtor Training, which will teach realtors how to research historic properties, identify important architectural features and materials, and explain to homebuyers the economics of historic home ownership. **Learn how to market a historic home and highlight the benefits of owning a historic property.** The City's Office of Historic Preservation will also discuss the approval process for rehabilitation and alteration to homes with historic designation. Attendees will earn 6 MCE hours, no legal credit. Training is open to the general public as well as real estate professionals.

The course will be offered on Wednesday, June 29, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Building and Development Services Center located at 1901 S. Alamo for a cost of \$60.00. If you are interested in attending, please [download](#) an application from our website or visit [www.sabor.com](http://www.sabor.com) to register. For any questions please contact SABOR at 210-593-1200 or the Office of Historic Preservation at 210-207-7244.



## ***Texas Star Trail Downtown Walking Tour Updated and Expanded***



The San Antonio Conservation Society unveiled the newly revised self-guided **Texas Star Trail Downtown Walking Tour** of San Antonio's historic sites in May. The Conservation Society initially produced the Texas Star Trail Tour in 1986 to celebrate Texas' Sesquicentennial. With the help of the Office of Historic Preservation, the City's Downtown Operations Department, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the walking tour has been updated to reflect the changes to our city's core over the past 25 years.

Historic sites are identified with a Texas Star medallion in the sidewalk in front of each structure. Smaller medallion markers in the sidewalk connect the sites along the 2.6-mile length. The revised Texas Star Trail brochure is

available at the San Antonio Conservation Society's headquarters at 107 King William Street, at the San Antonio Visitor Center at 317 Alamo Plaza, at the Office of Historic Preservation, and at the link below. Take a tour through downtown on the Texas Star Trail to discover our city's rich history!

[Texas Star Trail Downtown Walking Tour.](#)

## ***El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Presentation—June 23***



There will be a presentation by **Al McGraw, Archeologist for the State of Texas Department of Transportation**, at the Central Library at 600 Soledad on Thursday, June 23, 2011, in the first floor Auditorium from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This presentation is being sponsored by the San Antonio Central Library and the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association. Steven Gonzalez, Executive Director for the Association and Larry Kirkpatrick of the Central Library will give a short welcome before Mr. McGraw's presentation.

The presentation will cover the El Camino Real and the colonial period trails of Texas, such as the Pinta Trail, the San Saba Trail, the San Saba Road, the road to El Canon, and perhaps the road from San Antonio to Santa Fe blazed by Capitan Francisco Amangual in the year 1808. Also covered will be the four trails from the Rio Grande to San Antonio: the Pita Trail, the Laredo Road, and the Upper and Lower Presidial Roads. For more information visit the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association [website](#) or call (512) 850-9073.

## ***Historic Plaques Have Arrived!***



*City Manager Sheryl Sculley, Historic Preservation Officer Shanon Peterson, and Mayor Julian Castro presented homeowner Marty Kushner with the first official City of San Antonio Historic Structures Plaque at the Preservation Month kick-off event May 5.*

The first official City of San Antonio Historic Structure Plaques have arrived! If you reserved a plaque, stop by our offices at 1901 S Alamo between 7:45 am and 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday, to pick up your plaque.

A limited number of plaques are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Additional plaques will be ordered on an ongoing basis once our current supply is exhausted. If you would like to purchase a plaque for your historic structure, applications are available at our website or at our offices. If you have questions regarding the Historic Plaque Program, please contact Trisha Logan by phone at 207-7244 or by email at [trisha.logan@sanantonio.gov](mailto:trisha.logan@sanantonio.gov).

## ***Popular Myths about Wood Window Replacement – Part 2***

### **The Myth: Old Wood Windows are Highly Susceptible to Rot**

Wood windows will rot if they are not maintained. Any natural material that is exposed to weathering and sunlight will be impacted. However, proper maintenance will ensure a long-lasting window, whether it be priming and painting or installing a quality storm window. Oftentimes, a wood window may appear to have rot, but is actually just badly weathered and needs some T.L.C. Remember, historic wood windows have a high quality of craftsmanship and were constructed from old growth lumber; they were built to last.

### **The Myth: “It is more expensive to restore an old wood window than to replace it.”**

The cost of restoring a historic wood window obviously varies due to many factors, and there is no guarantee that restoring a window will be cheaper than replacing it. Studies have shown, however, that the payback period for new replacement windows can take decades. In that span of time, it is likely that these windows will have to be replaced again, since most replacement windows only have a lifespan of 10-20 years. Historic wood windows that have lasted 100 years will last another 100 years if properly restored and maintained. Therefore, the payback period of a restored wood window equates to a much better bargain.

### **The Myth: “Old wood windows have lead paint and should be discarded”**

While any house built before 1978 might contain lead paint, it is possible to remove lead paint from historic windows without posing serious health hazards. Local municipalities often have guidelines for safe and effective de-leading, including windows, but it needs to be done by a professional. An experienced contractor or window restoration specialist should be able to identify unstable lead paint (the most hazardous condition) and treat it appropriately. Oftentimes, stable lead paint can be encapsulated with lead-free paint to comply with state laws. With proper precautions and safety measures, historic wood windows with lead paint can be remedied. For more information on lead paint hazards in historic buildings, refer to *Preservation Brief 37: Appropriate Methods of Reducing Lead-Paint Hazards in Historic Housing* from the National Park Service: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/TPS/briefs/brief37.htm>

*Information provided by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. <http://www.uga.edu/napc/>*

### **Further resources:**

[National Trust for Historic Preservation: Repair or Replace: A Visual Guide](#)

[National Trust for Historic Preservation: Historic Wood Window Tip Sheet](#)

[National Park Service Preservation Brief 9: The Repair of Historic Wood Windows](#)





### ***Help Rescue This Historic Home***

Neighborhood Housing Services of San Antonio is seeking a buyer for the historic one-and-a-half-story, Queen Anne style cottage at 348 McKinley on the city's Southside. The home was constructed in 1906-1907 by Charles T. Heninger. Shortly after construction, Heninger advertised the home as "the prettiest and most attractive home in this addition." When first built,

many of the rooms apparently featured octagon fronts. If you are interested in learning more about this property, **contact Neighborhood Housing Services of San Antonio at [nreyna@NHS-SATX.ORG](mailto:nreyna@NHS-SATX.ORG) or (210) 533-8740.**



### ***On HPTV in June: NIOSA!***

The June episode of HPTV focuses on a favorite fiesta tradition, *NIOSA, A Night in Old San Antonio*. The four-night event hosted by the San Antonio Conservation Society each April during Fiesta celebrates the cultural, ethnic, and historical heritage of San Antonio. NIOSA is the major fundraising event for the Conservation Society. Proceeds from the event benefit numerous preservation programs throughout the San Antonio area. Nancy Hamner Avellar, Chairman of the 2010 and 2011 "A Night in Old San Antonio" and Conservation Society Fourth Vice President, discusses the history of *A Night in Old San Antonio* and how NIOSA benefits historic preservation in our city.

See the show on TVSA Channel 21:

**Tuesdays @ 9:00am**

**Wednesdays @ 1:00pm**

**Fridays @ 7:00pm**

**[View past episodes of HPTV online](#)** at the OHP website. (sorry, PC only)

### ***We're on the web:***



The Office of Historic Preservation is on Facebook! Facebook is a great resource for promoting preservation events and networking with other people in the community interested in preservation topics.

Click the Facebook icon above or go to **[Hwww.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)** and search for "City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation."



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**<http://voices.mysanantonio.com/swasielewski/>**



## ***Preservation Texas Board of Directors to Meet in Seguin, July 22-23***



After a long legislative session and much time spent walking the Capitol corridors, the Preservation Texas Board of Directors is pleased to announce that its quarterly summer meeting will be held in historic Seguin. As the statewide preservation nonprofit organization, Preservation Texas is a leading advocate for preserving Texas' historic resources. The group spotlights local preservation projects and provides technical assistance to owners of historic sites. Join Preservation Texas and its preservation partners in Seguin for a reception on July 22 or join a tour of Seguin's historic sites during the meeting dates.

*"The board of directors of Preservation Texas is committed to hosting our quarterly meetings around the state as we advocate to preserve the historic resources of Texas."*

**—Krista Gebbia, Executive Director of Preservation Texas.**

## ***Preservation Texas Seeks Nominations for Most Endangered Places List***



Texas is a state with enormous diversity and significant historic resources. Every year, more and more of our state's treasures are lost due to neglect or demolition. The Most Endangered Places program is at its heart a grassroots effort designed to elevate the cause of historic preservation and to increase the capacity of local groups and individuals to preserve the historic resources in their communities.

The 2012 list will be announced in a special press announcement in the spring of 2012 in Austin. To apply, please visit the Preservation Texas website, [www.preservationtexas.org](http://www.preservationtexas.org), for the nomination form and instructions. Nominations must be postmarked October 5, 2011.

With the Texas' Most Endangered Places (MEP) program, Preservation Texas provides services to at-risk historic properties by leveraging and fostering partnerships; coordinating assistance efforts ranging from advocacy to technical services; demonstrating the relevance of preservation to local communities; providing access to information; and empowering stewards of MEP sites. Since 2004, Preservation Texas has called attention to 96 historic places in 60 different communities around the state.

To learn more about the Texas' Most Endangered Place (MEP) program click [here](#).

To see the 2011 list of endangered sites click [here](#).



## ***Federal Historic Preservation Issues***

### ***Provided by Erik Hein, President, Preservation Action***

*Note from OHP: The mission of Preservation Action is to make historic preservation a national priority by advocating to all branches of the federal government for sound preservation policy and programs through a grassroots constituency empowered with information and training and through direct contact with elected representatives. What happens in Washington directly impacts the work we do at the local level: grant funding to Certified Local Governments, Preserve America and Save Americas Treasures programs, federal rehabilitation tax credit policy, etc. This feature is intended to provide information to those who are interested about the status of current national legislative priorities within the preservation movement.*

*For more information about Preservation Action or current issues on the national legislative agenda or for information about becoming a member, visit [www.preservationaction.org](http://www.preservationaction.org) or contact Shanon Peterson at [shanon.peterson@sanantonio.gov](mailto:shanon.peterson@sanantonio.gov).*

### ***Final Tax Credit Rule Issued by National Park Service***

This week, the National Park Service (NPS) issued a final rule designed to make technical changes to the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit. The draft language was originally published in October of 2010 for comment. Only three comments were received.

The rule makes some minor administrative changes such as replacing references within the text of the law that refer to National Park Service Regional Offices to the Washington Area Service Center. It also requires the NPS to accept appeals for denials of certain certifications. More specifically, it "...lifts the prohibition on appeals from the denial of preliminary certification for rehabilitation of a property that is not a certified historic structure."

The fee schedule is also removed from the regulation, giving the NPS flexibility to change and calculate fees without changing the regulation. Instead, language is provided explaining the method by which they will determine the fees that will be calculated and charged in the future. Until such a determination is made, the existing fee schedule will be in effect.

The rule becomes effective June 27, 2011.

*From the NPS website:* "The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program is the largest, most successful, and most cost-effective Federal community revitalization program. It preserves historic buildings, stimulates private investment, creates jobs, and revitalizes communities. It has leveraged over \$58 billion in private investment to preserve and reuse 37,000 historic properties since 1976.



The program is administered by National Park Service and the Internal Revenue Service in partnership with State Historic Preservation Offices."

### ***Agriculture Spending Bill Passes House Subcommittee***

This week the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies passed their FY 2012 agriculture appropriations bill. The bill proposes to cut discretionary programs from both the USDA and the FDA by 13.4 percent. A similar cut was already made in the FY 2011 Continuing Resolution.

As with any subcommittee spending bill, it must be passed by the full House and Senate before it becomes law. If passed, it would cut over \$1 billion from mandatory conservation programs, including spending mandated by the Farm Bill. This is important to preservationists because the cuts will likely make the passage of a new Farm Bill more difficult. Currently, several provisions and programs impacting historic preservation are covered by the Farm Bill, including the encouragement of conservation easements, a historic barn program, and a rural heritage program. The existing Farm Bill runs through FY 2012.



## ***Preservation Bill Monitor***

*When the 111th Congress adjourned the evening of Dec. 22nd, 2010, any bills not acted upon expired. The 112th Congress began on January 5th, 2011.*

### **H.R. 302: Preserve Land Freedom For Americans Act of 2011**

**Sponsored by: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)**

Summary: Would amend the Antiquities Act of 1906 to require state approval for the designation of any new national monument, and would restrict the Secretary of Interior from implementing new restrictions on national monuments without state approval and input. Status: Referred to House Committee on National Resources.

### **H.R. 709: Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act**

**Sponsored by: Rep. Albio Sires (D-NJ)**

Summary: Would require the Secretary of HUD to establish an urban revitalization and livable communities program to provide federal grants to eligible local governments for a variety of park-related projects, including rehabilitation and construction. Status: Referred to House Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity.

### **H.R. 1734: Civilian Property Realignment Act**

**Sponsored by: Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA)**

Summary: Would establish a Civilian Property Realignment Board charged with, in consultation with local communities, identifying and analyzing surplus federal property for sale, transfer or disposal. Status: Referred to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and the House Rules Committee.

Any Bill introduced in any Congress can be found on [Thomas/Library of Congress](#).

The full calendar for the House of Representatives can be found [here](#).

The full calendar for the Senate can be found [here](#).



Federal Historic  
Preservation Program Task Force

**Is the current organizational structure and alignment of the federal historic preservation programs within the "External Programs" of the National Park Service responsible for hampering the programs' management and effectiveness?**

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